

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 22, 2010. Specifically, the following restriction requirement was issued:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of producing a sheet of coated substrate;
- II. Claims 18-20, drawn to a coated substrate and printed sheet; and
- III. Claims 21-24, drawn to a printing method.

In response, the Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I, claims 1-17, with traverse. As the Group II and Group III claims depend from the independent claim of Group I, these claims should also be joined with Group I for prosecution. That being said, Applicant reserves the right to request rejoinder at a time appropriate in the future.

Additionally, the Examiner has issued an election of species requirement. Specifically, the Examiner has alleged that there are three distinct species for the "first material," namely polyvinyl alcohol, styrene-butadiene copolymer, or acrylic ester copolymer. In response, the Applicant elects polyvinyl alcohol, with traverse. The claims reading on this election of species include claims 1-8 and 11-17.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications to any of the non-elected claims, or to any other claims with subject matter disclosed in the present specification. Applicants are electing claims drawn to a method for prosecution, and there are other claims that already depend from claim 1, or which may be amended in the future to include all of the limitations of the claimed material. Applicants anticipate the possibility of rejoinder on the premise that some of the other claim types will include the same limitations of those found in the method claim set currently elected.

Further, Applicants assume for purposes of this response that the Examiner has made a complete requirement for restriction in accordance with MPEP §§ 815 and 817. If the Examiner has not made a complete requirement, then Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

withdraw this restriction requirement and provide a complete restriction requirement so that Applicants can properly assess the application will all available information.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-17 are in condition for substantive examination. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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